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FROM: COL. R. T. KENNEDY

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TO: GEN. HAIG FOR HENRY A. KISSINGER

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM BUNKER

TOP SECRET SENSITIVE 090940Z OCT 72 VIA CAS CHANNELS (BUNKER)
FROM: AMBASSADOR BUNKER SAIGON 0183 IMMEDIATE
TO: THE WHITE HOUSE, EXCLUSIVELY EYES ONLY FOR HENRY A. KISSINGER
REFS: A) WHS 2211; B) WHS 2212.

1. I HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO DELIVER SUBSTANCE OF REFERENCED MESSAGES. THIEU WAS OUT OF SAIGON YESTERDAY. I ASKED FOR AN APPOINTMENT EARLY THIS MORNING AND NHA HAS INFORMED ME THAT THIEU WAS WATER SKIING YESTERDAY, STEPPED ON A NAIL AND HAS HAD TO HAVE TETANUS INOCULATION AND HE IS LAID UP TODAY WITH A HIGH FEVER. HE HAS SAID HE WILL SEE ME EARLY TOMORROW MORNING.
2. CONCERNING YOUR REFERENCE (REF B) TO FACT THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR THIEU TO INSTRUCT HIS COMMANDERS TO MOVE PROMPTLY TO SEIZE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF CRITICAL TERRITORY, THIEU INFORMED ME AT MY MEETING WITH HIM ON OCTOBER 6 THAT HE HAD GIVEN THESE INSTRUCTIONS TO HIS CORPS COMMANDERS WHOM HE HAD CALLED IN FOR A LENGTHY REVIEW OF THE MILITARY SITUATION THE SAME DAY. I HAVE ALSO REVIEWED THE SITUATION WITH GENERAL WEYAND TODAY WHO SAYS THAT GENERAL TRUONG LINH ISSUED A DIRECTIVE TO HIS FORCES ALONG THE SAME LINE AFTER THE RECAPTURE OF QUANG TRI WARNING AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY OF A CEASEFIRE. HE IS, HOWEVER, CONCERNED ABOUT THE SITUATION IN MR 3 WHERE SMALL ENEMY UNITS ARE IN HAMLETS AND VILLAGES IN BINH DUONG, HAU NGHIA, AND LONG AN PROVINCES. GENERAL MINH'S FORCES ARE NOT AGGRESSIVELY ATTACKING THEM AND DIGGING THEM OUT. THIS IS THE SAME PROBLEM WE HAVE HAD WITH GENERAL MINH FOR A LONG TIME AND HAVE REPEATEDLY BROUGHT TO THIEU'S ATTENTION. I SHALL BRING IT UP AGAIN TOMORROW. GENERAL WEYAND BELIEVES THAT GENERAL NGHI HAS THE SITUATION IN HAND IN THE DELTA. HE IS CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO ROOT OUT THE ENEMY'S 5TH DIVISION IN NORTHERN IV CORPS.
3. WARM PERSONAL REGARDS.

SITUATION ROOM FOOTNOTE:

ON-FILE NSC
RELEASE
INSTRUCTIONS
APPLY

REF: MESSAGES:

WH2212 IS YOUR MESSAGE YESTERDAY REQUESTING BUNKER MEET WITH THIEU.

WH2211: MESSAGE TO BUNKER OCTOBER 6 ADVISING THIEU THAT HAK WILL STAY GENERALLY WITHIN BROAD OUTLINES AT NEXT MEETING OF SEPT 15 POLITICAL PROPOSALS.

END OF MESSAGE

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